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Letter dated 2 April 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to article 12 bis, paragraph 2, of the statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, which reads as follows:

> "In the event of a vacancy in the Chambers amongst the permanent judges elected or appointed in accordance with this article, after consultation with the Presidents of the Security Council and of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General shall appoint a person meeting the qualifications of article 12 of the present statute, for the remainder of the term of office concerned."

In this connection, I should like to inform you that Judge Lloyd George Williams, a national of Saint Kitts and Nevis, has resigned as a permanent judge of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, effective 31 March 2004.

The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis has presented the candidacy of Sir Charles Michael Dennis Byron, a national of Saint Kitts and Nevis, to replace Judge Williams. Please find attached his curriculum vitae (see annex).*

It is my view that Sir Dennis Byron meets the qualifications which are prescribed in article 12 of the statute of the International Tribunal for Rwanda. I also consider that the appointment of Sir Dennis Byron would be well calculated to ensure adequate representation on the Tribunal of the principal legal systems of the world, as contemplated in paragraph 1 (c) of article 12 bis of the Tribunal's statute.

I should, therefore, like to proceed to consultation with you on the appointment of Sir Dennis Byron, in accordance with article 12 bis, paragraph 2, of the statute of the International Tribunal for Rwanda. I look forward to receiving your views on the matter.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

* The annex is being circulated in the language of submission only.

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Annex

Curriculum Vitae

Sir Charles Michael Dennis Byron

Personal

Born 4 July 1943 at Basseterre, Saint Kitts, West Indies

Judicial experience

1999-present	Chief Justice, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
1996-1999	Acting Chief Justice, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
1990	Appointed Court of Appeal Judge, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
1986	Acting Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Grenada on secondment from the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
1983-1990	Acting Court of Appeal Judge, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court for 22 sittings of the Court
1982-1990	High Court Judge of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Resident Judge, Antigua and Barbuda Circuit Judge, Montserrat Criminal Assizes Judge, Commonwealth of Dominica Resident Judge, Saint Lucia

Current positions

Chairman, Judicial and Legal and Services Commission
President, Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute
Bencher, Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

Other professional experience

1966-1982	Private practitioner throughout the Leeward Islands with chambers in the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis and Anguilla

Past positions and affiliations

1991	Member of the Judicial and Legal Services Commission of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
1995	One of the four judges selected by the United States National Center for State Courts for the first United States-sponsored Judicial Training Project conducted on behalf of the Ministry of Justice of Haiti after the return of President Aristide
1998	Director, Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute

1999 Chairman, Commonwealth Judicial Distance Learning Committee

Member of a two-person task force mandated to promote the establishment of a regional centre for judicial education and reform, under the aegis of the Council of Legal Education at the Inter-American Development Bank Consultation on Judicial Reform in the Caribbean

Coordinator of Conference for Commonwealth Chief Justices, at the twelfth Commonwealth Law Conference, Malaysia

2001 International Bar Association, Zimbabwe Mission 2001. Member of an international group which undertook an assessment of the crisis facing the legal profession and judiciary in Zimbabwe

Education and academic awards

Secondary Saint Kitts-Nevis Grammar School, 1954/60
Leeward Island Scholarship, 1960

University Cambridge University, 1962/66
Graduated with MA, L.L.B. [Cantab.]

Professional qualification

1965 Called to the Bar at the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple as Barrister-at-Law of the High Court of Justice in England

1966 Admitted to practice as a barrister-at-law and solicitor in the Eastern Caribbean

Honours

2002 Conferment of the award of Knight Bachelor by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Conferences

1994 Guest speaker, 125th anniversary, Supreme Court of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba

1996 United States Government Roundtable II for Judicial Reform in Latin America and the Caribbean, Washington, D.C.

1999 Address to the Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning, on the subject of distance learning in judicial education, Brunei

2001 World Bank Conference on Security and Opportunity through Law and Justice, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation

Conference on Juvenile Reform, Saint Kitts

2002 Judicial Education Programme for the Judiciary and the Legal Profession, Paramaibo, Suriname

2003 Organization of American States, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: working session on the implementation of international human rights protection, Washington, D.C.

Commonwealth Law Conference, Melbourne, Australia

Judicial Seminar on the Caribbean Court of Justice, Georgetown, Guyana